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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan and Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham today announced the filing of a two-count indictment¹ charging EDWARD LEE and CYNTHIA CHILSOM, with making false statements to a federal firearms dealer, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and aiding and abetting. The indictment alleges that on February 14, 2007, LEE and CHILSOM participated in the illegal purchase of a Taurus Millennium PT 140 Pro 9mm handgun for defendant LEE. On October 10, 2007, defendant LEE was in possession of that handgun, loaded with 10 live rounds of ammunition. LEE is a convicted felon who is prohibited from possessing a firearm.

This indictment is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, an initiative by the United States Attorney's Office, all District Attorney's Offices in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Philadelphia Police Department and other law enforcement agencies, to identify and prosecute firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendants are likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction. Defendant LEE faces a maximum sentence of 15 years imprisonment, 3 years supervised release, \$500,000 fine and a \$200 special assessment. Defendant CHILSOM faces a maximum sentence of 5 years imprisonment, 3 years supervised release, a \$250,000 fine, and a \$100 special assessment.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
EDWARD LEE	Philadelphia	36
CYNTHIA CHILSOM	Philadelphia	25

The case has been assigned to Special Assistant United States Attorney Arlene D. Fisk.

¹An Indictment is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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